

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE



Application Serial No. 10/774,506
Applicant: Apotex Pharmachem Inc.
(formerly Brantford
Chemicals Inc.)
Title: A process for the
preparation of
tetrahydrothieno [3,2-c]
pyridine derivatives
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
OF JUNE 21, 2005
AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

November 17, 2005

VIA COURIER

The Commissioner of Patents
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401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA USA 22314

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated June 21, 2005 and due for response September 21, 2005, Applicant encloses a Request for a two month extension of time with the fee for a large entity of \$450.00 U.S. funds making this response due **November 21, 2005**. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for the Extension of Time (fee), please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

In response to the outstanding Official Action of June 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Attachments: Request for a 2 Month Extension of Time;

Cheque in the amount of \$450.00 USD;

Article: Stoner, et al., *"Benzylation via Tandem Grignard Reaction-Iodotrimethylsilane (TMSI) Mediated Reduction"*, Tetrahedron, Vol. 51, No. 41, pp. 11043-11062, 1995;

Article: Nugara, et al., *"A Convenient Reduction of Thienyl Alcohols"*, Sulfur Letters, Vol. 14(6), pp. 269-273, 1992